

## **Advantages of the Express Vote over the Automark**

- **Ease of use.** - Very easy to use and intuitive to follow.
- **Easy to set up** - Just set on table (with election loaded) and turn on.
- **No (or little) Ballot spoilage** - use blank cards (ballots) that don't need to be printed. Can store and use any unused cards from prior Elections.
- **Uses an actual “touch” screen** - Not a “press” screen like the Automark. Screen is much more responsive. Technology in this area has improved drastically from when the AutoMARK was developed.
- **Light weight** - Weighs about half of what the Automark weighs and is transported in a should strap carrying case. The AutoMARK is delivered in a very large roller case and requires two people to lift out and set up.
- **Doesn't use an ink cartridge** - Uses thermal paper. Doesn't need any expensive ink cartridges or consumables that the poll workers need to replace on Election day.
- **Voters don't get the wrong ballot** - When used in conjunction with the Express Vote Printer and software, a voters ballot style is tied directly to Voter Registration software making it impossible to deliver the wrong ballot.
- **Easy to follow instructions** – Express Vote uses an easy to follow on screen instructions.
- **Updates and go forward technology** - The Express Vote can be updated with firmware updates to add future additional features and enhancements. (the Automark is very limited due to its technology).
- **Removable touchpad** - The touchpad had a cord so the voter can use it in their hands rather than being on the machine itself.
- **More secure** - The Elections on the Express Vote are password protected.
- **Express VOTE uses Thumb Drive for media** – The AutoMARK uses a flashcard that can be easily damaged or come disconnected from the pins.